

Your late knowledge of the Keatses' affairs in Chancery does not necessarily imply, as you assume, that you are well acquainted with all their affairs of twelve years standing; nor do I perceive how John's, George's, and my want of that Chancery knowledge should have prevented either of us from understanding other matters; nor why, because an explanation to George of those Chancery affairs occupied sixteen foolscaps, he could not clearly acknowledge himself his brother's debtor in one explicit and entire sentence, which you miscall "broken sentences." George's assertions in his defence did not pretend to rest on any thing but his intimate acquaintance with his own and his brother's affairs, which passed with you unquestioned; but, when a paper is discovered wherein he has condemned himself by striking at the root of that defence, you declare he knew little more than nothing of his affairs, which is not sufficiently consistent for an infallible man. Then again, your memory is not good; I have more than once told you that John's information to me of his brother's having taken from him all his money, without an acknowledgment, was clear, distinct, and often repeated, and you call it "the ambiguous givings out of John." For these reasons I cannot appeal to you as an oracle, to which you have but one claim, that I know of, - enigmatical positiveness. Add to which I cannot recollect you ever gave up any one of your positive opinions; so that, if my memory serves me well, I ought not blindly to yield to any one of them, knowing you, like many men, to have been positive on the wrong side.

Now I come to the

show kindness, and, terming it so, I am content. But I call, seriously, on you to make
your words - "most cruel severity" - good, or to explain how you had been inadvertently
led into error. Trusting you will either do the one or the other, I remain,

Yours truly,

Chas. Brown.

With thanks for your consent to lend me £50, I have already arranged the
business otherwise.



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